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The Olomouc Military Academy

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1. [redacted] in Olomouc [redacted] approximately 50 men wearing army-type uniforms with service caps and black shoulderboards. The shoulderboards had a gold border about one centimeter wide with the inverted gold "V" at the arm ends. [redacted] they were cadets of the Olomouc Military Academy, [redacted]

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The Military Technical Academy (VTA - Vojenska technicka akademie) at Brno

3. [redacted] the civilian Technical University for Construction Engineering in Brno [redacted]
[redacted] four-story gray stucco building, approximately 50 x 20 m., located on Uvoz Street near the Spielberg Mount [redacted]
half of this building was occupied by the University and the other half by the VTA. [redacted]
[redacted] There were two entrances to this building. At one entrance [redacted] a sentry in blue uniform wearing a blue field cap and a camouflaged shelter-half [redacted] The sentry was armed with a submachine gun. [redacted] this was the entrance to the VTA half of the building. The other entrance was unguarded.
4. [redacted] the University [redacted] had been moved to its new location, an unidentified gymnasium on Na Porici Street [redacted] The VTA had taken over the whole building [redacted]
5. The second VTA building [redacted] was a three-story, gray stucco building, 120 x 30 m., at Vevri Street 94. This building housed a library on the first floor which was open to the public about twice a week [redacted] The upper two stories were utilized for VTA classrooms. [redacted]
6. On each side of the entrance of the library-classroom building were signs bearing the coat of arms of Czechoslovakia. The sign on the left bore the inscription "Technical Library"; the sign on the right read "Military Technical Academy". Before entering the library, [redacted] turn in [redacted] Citizenship Identification (Obcansky Prukaz - OP) at the office window located near the entrance and received a plain paper receipt on which was entered the bearer's name, serial number of the Citizenship Identification, and time of entry into the building. Entrants could remain in the library as long as they desired and could borrow as many books as they wished for as long as a month. Civilians were employed as librarians.
7. [redacted] three or four young army officers, [redacted] VTA students, on duty in the entrance office. They wore regular OD army uniforms with silver shoulderboards and gold stars. On their shoulderboards they also wore red stars approximately two centimeters in diameter with the letters VTA inscribed in white. Similar shoulderboard insignia were also worn by the other VTA students. [redacted] Within the building itself [redacted] academy students who [redacted] attended classes located in the same building.
8. [redacted] formations of [redacted] VTA students [redacted] in the downtown district. They were unarmed and wore regular OD army uniforms, with service caps and red shoulderboards. The shoulderboards had gold borders approximately one centimeter wide, with inverted V's at the arm ends. The students [redacted] marched in two groups, each one consisting of about 80 men. [redacted] a similar formation of men in Air Force blue uniforms marching in the streets of Brno; the uniforms had blue shoulderboards with gold borders one centimeter wide and inverted V's at the arm ends. [redacted]

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[redacted] men of this latter group were also VTA students.

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- a. The VTA course lasted for four years. Upon completion of the course, the graduates were commissioned into various branches of the technical services. [redacted]

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- b. Civilian graduates of schools of higher education, such as gymnasiums and commercial schools, were eligible to apply for direct admission [redacted] VTA students were not required to complete basic military training before their matriculation, since military training was part of the curriculum.

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- c. [redacted] VTA students [redacted] were subject to very strict discipline. At times they were awakened during the night and sent on 20-km. marches with full field equipment. [redacted] In the morning after such a march, the normal school schedule was observed.

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- d. The first-year students had to live together in barracks. They wore red shoulderboards with gold borders and inverted V's as described previously. Upon successful completion of the first year they were promoted to junior lieutenants. Then they wore the regular army officers' silver shoulderboards and gold stars and could live outside of the Academy if they so desired.

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- e. It was possible for a VTA graduate to attain a rank as high as captain on graduation, depending on the individual's academic standing.

- f. The political reliability of the first year VTA students was very closely studied. [redacted]

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[redacted] 60 students out of a total of 200 were dismissed for political unreliability. [redacted]

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- g. [redacted] first-year class had approximately 200 students. They were divided into smaller groups, depending on their specialization. [redacted]

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- h. [redacted] Railroad Transportation Division of the VTA [redacted] this division was discontinued. Its students were not commissioned as was customary with students who successfully completed their first year of studies. Instead, they all reverted to a civilian status and continued their studies at the Prague (civilian) technical university [redacted] located on Karlove Namesti. [redacted]

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Hranice Military School

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10. [] State Gymnasium (statni gymnasium) in Hranice (N 49-33, E 17-44) [] 25X1
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11. [] the Drahotuse civilian airport, located between Hranice and the neighboring town of Drahotuse, [] 25X1
[] approximately 50 Military Academy students watching the flight of airplanes and gliders [] they 25X1
came from the nearby Hranice Military Academy (VA - Vojenska akademie) 25X1
- The students [] at the Drahotuse airport wore regular OD Army uniforms, with visored service caps and red shoulderboards. 25X1
The shoulderboards had gold borders approximately one centimeter wide with the inverted gold "V" at the arm ends. The red star metal insignia, approximately two centimeters in diameter with the letters "VA" in white, were also worn on their shoulderboards. 25X1
1. [] Comment. Military Academy shoulderboards were the same as enlisted men's shoulderboards in design, except that they had an inverted "V" at the arm ends. Cadets wore the designations of the enlisted ranks which they had earned before entering the academy. 25X1

Legend: Military and Other Installations in Hranice (N 49-33, E 17-44) (See page 6.)

1. Unidentified Army Installation: Two four-story stucco buildings, approximately 60 x 15 m. The buildings were painted dark green. [] a Military Academy was located there. The buildings were about 20 m. distant from the highway. In front of the buildings there was a park with some tall trees. [] unable to see more buildings. [] some military guards in the area [] 25X1
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- 2.* Fishery: Approximately 80 x 50 m. Believed to be state-owned and operated. [] 25X1
3. Unidentified Military Installation: Four four-story gray stucco buildings, approximately 60 x 15 m., and four wooden ground-floor barracks, approximately 30 x 8 m., with tar-paper roofs. Types of troops located here [] Size of area was approximately 300 x 150 m. 25X1
- 4.* "SIGMA" Water-Pump Factory: A national enterprise where water pumps [] were manufactured. 25X1
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- 5.* Cement Plant: [] this was the largest cement plant in central Europe. It started to operate in 1950, but building was still in progress. It covered an area of approximately 2 x 2 km. [] 25X1
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*Although points 2, 4, and 5 are not of a military nature, they are pinpointed as an aid in locating the military installations.

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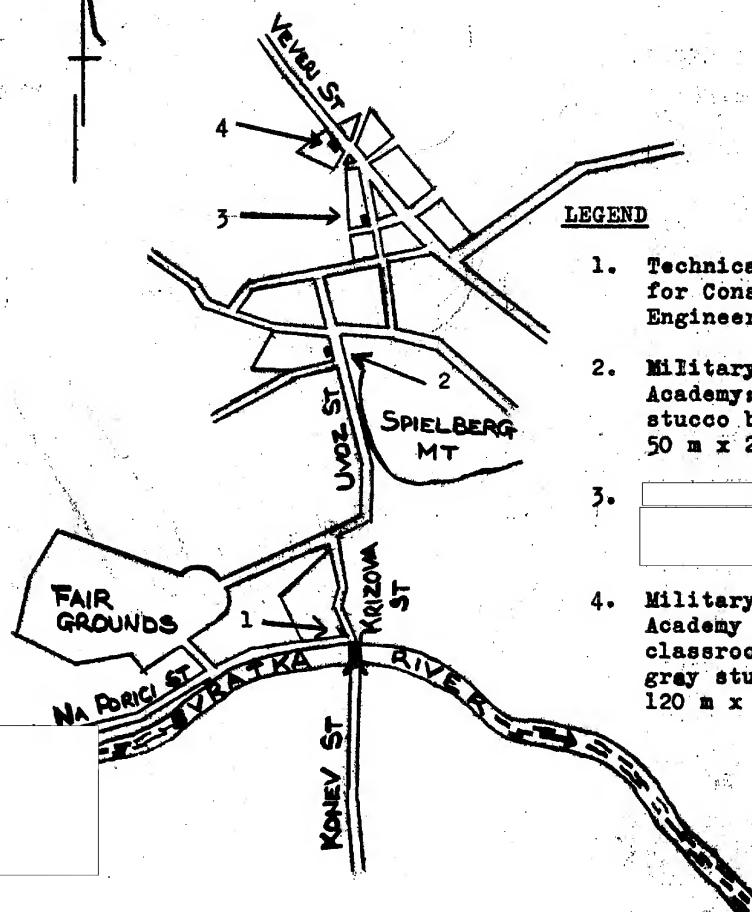
Military Technical Academy, Military Technical Academy Library,
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LEGEND

1. Technical University for Construction Engineering (civilian)
2. Military Technical Academy: 4-story gray stucco bldg, approx. 50 m x 20 m.
3. Residence
4. Military Technical Academy Library and classrooms: 3-story gray stucco bldg, 120 m x 30 m.

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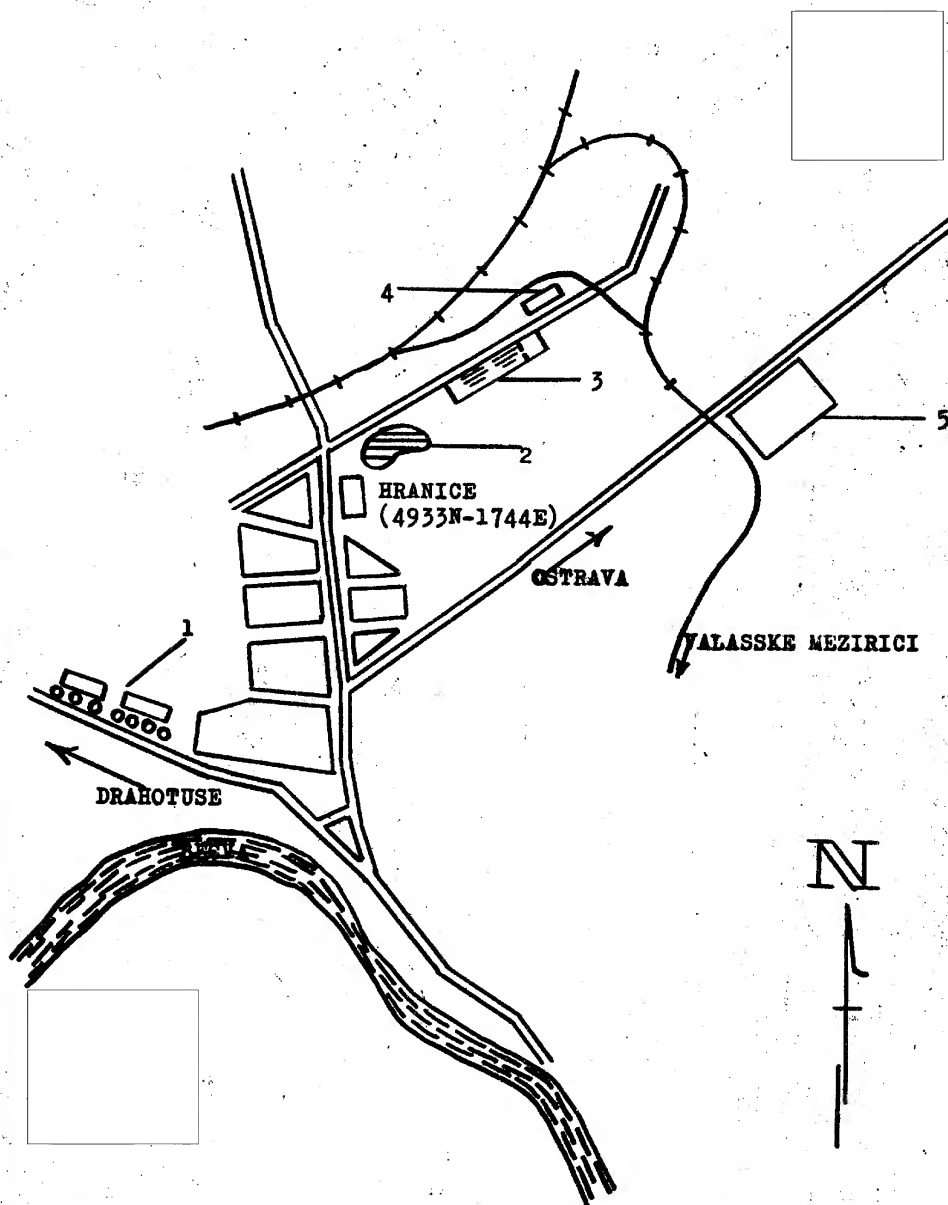
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Military and Other Installations in HRANICE (N 49-33, E 17-44)



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